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HB 2109 (Chapter 48): ballot; form; secondary property taxes

Prescribes language for the ballot if bonds are proposed to be repaid with secondary property taxes. Effective date: July 3, 2015.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

HB 2214 (Chapter 105): majority vote calculation; municipal elections

Reformulates the manner of determining the majority of votes cast in a city council or mayoral election. Establishes guidelines for these candidates to be elected at the primary or at advance to the general or runoff election. Effective date: July 3, 2015.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

HB 2407 (Chapter 285): referendum and recall provisions

Modifies requirements for initiative, referendum, and recall and requires courts to strictly construe, and the petition proponents to strictly comply, with these provisions. Among other provisions, stipulates the following constitutes the full and correct copy of the title and text of a referendum measure for circulation for signatures:

- The SOS's time-and-date marked copy of the measure with its proposed text set out in full.
- For local matters, the copy of the measure signed or enacted into law by the mayor or chairman of the county BOS, with its proposed text set out in full, including the original and any amended text.

Effective date: July 3, 2015.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

HB 2415 (Chapter 286): campaign finance; contribution limitations

Applies contribution limits to each election cycle rather than to the primary and general election separately and increases campaign contribution limits as follows:

Contributor	Current	Proposed Change	Effective Increase
Individual	*\$2500 per election	*\$6,250 per <i>election cycle</i>	\$1,000
Single political committee	*\$2,500 per election	*\$6,250 per <i>election cycle</i>	\$1,000
Certified political committee "Super PAC"	*\$5,000 per election	*\$12,500 per <i>election cycle</i>	\$2,000
Certified political committee to candidate for statewide office	*\$5,010 per election	*\$12,500 per <i>election cycle</i>	\$1,984
Single partnership	\$0	*\$6,250 per <i>election cycle</i>	\$5,000

*Subject to 20% reduction pursuant to A.R.S. § 16-941.

Effective date: July 3, 2015. Applies retroactively to November 4, 2014, and clarifies that contribution limits apply retroactively to contributions made for the 2016 or later elections.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

HB 2589 (Chapter 291): campaign finance; electronic filing system

Authorizes the SOS to develop an electronic filing system, upon legislative appropriation, for statutorily required campaign finance statements, designations, and reports that are not connected with a statewide or legislative election for use by other political subdivisions. Effective date: July 3, 2015.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

HB 2595 (Chapter 292): late filings; campaign finance reports

Makes various changes to election law involving late fees for delinquent filing of campaign finance reports, nomination petitions for the Presidential Preference Election, signature threshold requirements for candidates of JTED boards, and early ballot distribution dates. Effective date: July 3, 2015.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

HB 2608 (Chapter 293): elections; active registered voters

Changes the base number for determining the total percentage of signatures needed on nomination petitions by including in that base number the number of registered voters in parties not entitled to continuing representation on the ballot and the number of independent voters and adding them to the number of registered voters in the candidate's party. Decreases the percentage of signatures required. Clarifies that the terms registered voters, persons who are registered to vote, registered electors and voters registered includes only *active* registered voters throughout statute. Effective date: July 3, 2015.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

HB 2613 (Chapter 296): political activity; public resources; limitation

Modifies the prohibition on the use of public resources for influencing an election by stating that promotional expenditures made by a municipality, county, school district, community college district or special taxing district after a bond, budget override and other tax-related election is called through election day are prohibited. Excludes routine communications that maintain the frequency, scope and distribution consistent with past practices or are necessary for public safety. Effective date: July 3, 2015.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

HB 2649 (Chapter 297): campaign finance; political committee; definition

Restructures and modifies the definition of *political committee* clarifying that an association or combination of persons that meets both of the following requirements are encompassed within the definition:

- Is organized, conducted or combined for the *primary* purpose of influencing the result of any election in this state or in any county, municipality or other political subdivision of this state, including judicial retention elections.
- Knowingly receives contributions or makes expenditures of more than \$500, rather than \$250, in connection with any election during a calendar year, including a judicial retention election.

Requires associations or combinations of persons who qualify under this definition of *political committee* to file a statement of organization with the filing officer, in the format prescribed by the filing officer, within five business days after meeting the definition. Effective date: July 3, 2015.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

SB 1184 (Chapter 83): municipal elections; ballot; disclosure

Requires publicity pamphlets for municipal elections, to approve a bond, sales tax, or property tax measure, to include the following:

- For a bond approval, an estimate of the annual levy of property taxes sufficient to pay the debt on the bonds.
- For a sales tax levy, the amount of the tax increase.
- For a property tax levy, an estimate of the tax for a single-family residence that is valued at \$100,000, a commercial property that is valued at \$250,000 and vacant land that is valued at \$100,000.

Effective date: July 3, 2015.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.